

Dear Parent/ Carer

Christmas Events and Support

I am writing to you regarding our Christmas Events and support available for families from the school.

Parent Coffee Mornings

Following the success (and at the request of parents) of our first coffee morning, we will be hosting coffee mornings once a month. As a reminder, each coffee morning will have a different focus. Our first one was on supporting your child's emotional wellbeing. Future sessions will include:

- Supporting your child with learning
- Healthy Eating
- Managing Sleep
- Managing Behaviour

Coffee mornings are a great way for parent/ carers to connect with each other, share experiences, learn new skills/tools and relax. We will provide free tea, coffee and biscuits. On some mornings free resources, leaflets or activities will be distributed. These sessions will be run by our Child and Family Support worker, Mrs Tonner. We will often invite visiting guest speakers to support such as The Saints Foundation and Solent Mind. We will also have a parent library where you can borrow support books on a range of subjects.

The next coffee morning is **Monday 4 December, 11:30am – 12:30pm**. This session will not have a theme but is more of an opportunity for parents to get together before the Christmas holidays. We will also be discussing activities and free days out to enjoy with your family over the Christmas break. Click here to sign up: https://forms.office.com/e/aVkz1qyfBr

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Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8 December students are invited to take part in a Christmas Jumper Day to collect donations for our Food and Clothing Bank. As a school we are keen to support the community and feel that this is a fantastic opportunity to support each other.

If your child would like to take part, they can wear a Christmas jumper with smart-casual clothes. We do not want parents to go to the expense of buying a Christmas jumper just for this occasion, so if your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they are still welcome to take part by wearing other smart-casual clothes (non-school uniform). Please be aware that normal expectations with regards to jewellery and make up still apply. Please be aware that the official Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 07 December however we will be running The Hamble School version on **Friday 08 December**. I do hope that you will encourage your child to take part but there is no obligation to do so.

Year 7 Only - Grandparents Christmas Event

We would like to invite Grandparents (or another suitable family member) to a Year 7 Christmas celebration event on **Tuesday 12 December** at **1:00pm - 2:30pm**. There will be an opportunity to listen to our musicians play some Christmas music, get involved in making Christmas crafts and enjoy some refreshments. It is also a great chance for Grandparents to find out what the Year 7s have been doing in their first term at secondary school.

This is a free event but we would ask that you complete the form here:

https://forms.office.com/e/DvvwcktPsG on behalf of the Grandparent(s) attending by **Thursday 7 December**. On **Tuesday 12 December** Grandparents should meet in reception and our Prefects will meet them to escort them to the venue for this event.

Community Carols

We would like to invite all parents/ carers and members of the community to attend 'Community Carols' with their son/ daughter on **Thursday 14 December at 3:30pm**. This will be an opportunity for the school community to get together and celebrate the festive season. We will provide free refreshments. It is anticipated that the event will last for 30 minutes. If you would like to come along, please complete the form: https://forms.office.com/e/GnE1T6FcRq by **Thursday 7 December.**

Food Bank

The Food Bank will be open in the Skills Centre on Thursday 30 November, Thursday 7 December and Tuesday 12 December at 3:15pm - 4:15pm. If you wish to collect items from us, please can you come onto site via the Satchell Lane entrance, turn right into the Skills

Centre Car Park and use the door from the car park to go straight into the first classroom on the right. Our Student and Family Support Officers will be very happy to help you. If you cannot attend on this day/ time but would like to reserve some food, you can complete the form here: https://forms.office.com/e/9cBj3V5twA and we will make sure we save some for you.

Last Day of Term

As a reminder the last day of school before Christmas is **Friday 15 December**. Please be aware that the school will close at 1pm on this day.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Valleley Deputy Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.